

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

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| Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
| 10/731,023 | SASHIHARA, KOUICHI | |
| Examiner | Art Unit | |
| Laura E. Edwards | 1734 | |

All Participants:

(1) Laura E. Edwards.

(2) Carl Thomsen (REG. 50,786).

Status of Application: Allowance

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Date of Interview: 7 June 2004

Time: Afternoon

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

NONE

Claims discussed:

All in general

Prior art documents discussed:

unsigned IDS filed as of 4/19/04

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

Upon reviewing the application for quality assurance, it was noted that the IDS filed 4/19/04 was considered but not signed. Also, claims 11 and 13 required slight amendments. Said amendments would not affect the scope of the invention.

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

A supplemental examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Carl Thomsen on 6/7/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 11, line 3, "the shuttle feed passage" has been changed to --a shuttle feed passage--.

In claim 11, line 4, "the chain" has been changed to --a chain--.

In claim 13, line 1, "the mechanism" has been changed to --a mechanism--.

In claim 13, line 2, "the workpiece supporting arm" has been changed to --a workpiece supporting arm--.

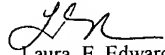
In claim 13, line 2, "the axis is" has been changed to --an axis thereof is--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura E. Edwards whose telephone number is (571) 272-1227. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571) 272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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